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# Navigating the Skies and Souls

## Reflections from Adventist World Aviation's Former President, Pastor Ric Swaningson



Reflecting on my 15-year tenure serving as the President of Adventist World Aviation, I am grateful for the blessings I experienced and the challenges I overcame. Leading a Christian mission that combines aviation with charitable work requires a unique blend of expertise, patience, spiritual kevlar, and tenacity. Our mission, while fulfilling, is a complex tapestry of safety, fundraising, management in leadership, human relations, compassion for others, and pastoral care.

### **Safety: The Non-Negotiable Priority Adventist World Aviation**

At Adventist World Aviation, the importance of safety cannot be overstated. Within the aviation industry, safety isn't merely an option to consider; it is the singular path we choose to follow. Here at AWA HQ, we live by this motto: "AWA moves only at the speed of safety." This phrase underscores our belief that no priority supersedes the assurance of secure operations. Even the smallest mistake or hint of a negligent attitude toward safety is entirely unacceptable.

Let me share a story about Ray, the son of AWA's former Director of Development, Elder Richard Habinecht. Ray is a skilled finish carpenter whose meticulous work

made a strong impression on me. One day, as I observed him working, I was genuinely impressed by the precision and flawlessness of his craftsmanship. I expressed my admiration by saying, "That's amazing!" In response, Ray shared his philosophy: "I tell my crew, 'Perfect is good enough; anything less is unacceptable.'" This mindset perfectly captures our unwavering dedication to safety and excellence in every aspect of our operations.

Ensuring every flight is conducted carefully and cautiously is a weighty responsibility. This is especially true in our mission, which operates in remote and often challenging environments. Our commitment to safety is a testament to our dedication to our staff and the communities we serve.

### **The Challenges of Fundraising in Aviation Charities**

Fundraising in any charitable organization is fraught with challenges, but the stakes are even higher in aviation. Aircraft are significantly more expensive to maintain and operate than other transportation forms. Keeping our fleet airworthy is a monumental task, requiring ingenuity and persistence in seeking financial support. Each donation is a lifeline that enables us to continue our service and outreach mission.

Adding to that challenge, donations for tangible goods such as fuel and non-human-related necessities are less appealing than donating directly to human causes. This makes the task of raising funds for mechanical needs particularly daunting. The challenge of attracting donors willing to support aviation operations' crucial yet less glamorous aspects is extreme yet essential for sustaining our mission.

### **Human Relations in Mission Work**

Human relations in mission work are as dynamic as the skies we navigate. Within our organization, mission workers, including pilots and pastors, are a unique breed. These individuals are highly independent, possessing strong personalities that demand a respectful and assertive management approach.

### **Pilots and Mission Pilots**

Pilots and mission pilots exemplify rare independence and determination. They thrive in high-pressure environments, making quick decisions with confidence. Managing them requires a delicate balance of respect and leadership, akin to guiding a skilled aviator through turbulent skies. The ability to lead without stifling their independence is crucial.

### **Pastors/Mission Workers**

Similarly, pastors and mission workers bring intense passion and deep conviction. Their fervor can inspire and challenge them, adding complexity layers to their management. This passion is akin to the fire within an artist, which, if appropriately harnessed, can lead to transformative outcomes.

### **Leading this Orchestra**

Managing these strong-willed individuals is akin to conducting an orchestra of independent birds singing their own tunes. Much like our mission workers, talented musicians often have strong opinions about their interpretations of the music or mission. They believe their perspective is perfect, making the role of a conductor or a leader a seemingly impossible task. But the Bible reminds us, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." This submissive skill is absolutely essential.

A musician unwilling to acquiesce to the conductor's

directives stands out like a sore thumb. Similarly, a mission worker resistant to guidance disrupts the harmony within the team. Therefore, harmonizing these independent spirits ensures that understanding and cooperation are key. WHEW!

### **Achieving Harmony**

In conclusion, achieving harmony among mission workers requires an environment where independence is respected yet guided by a unifying vision. The leader's role is to blend individual strengths into a cohesive force, ensuring each voice contributes to a symphony of success. This delicate balance propels our mission forward, allowing us to navigate the skies of human relations with grace and effectiveness. As a human, I have failed in these areas more than I care to admit. However, where I have been weak, God has more than made up the difference with other talents and resources. Praise God for His Spirit!

### **The Unsung Heroes: Office Workers**

Behind the scenes, our office workers are the backbone of our operations. Often introverted, they present their own set of challenges. Understanding their needs and ensuring they feel valued can be difficult when their communication is subtle. Misreading their cues can lead to misunderstandings, yet they are crucial to the seamless functioning of our mission.

### **Reflections and Gratitude**

Reflecting on these years, I am reminded of the incredible teamwork and synergy that define Adventist World Aviation. Each member, from pilots to office workers, plays a vital role in our mission. The challenges we face are significant but far outweighed by the blessings and impact we have on the communities we serve.

### **Adventist World Aviation Welcomes New Leadership**

Enter: Dr. Deyvid Batista, ThD

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Deyvid Batista has been with us for over two years. Dr. Batista has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills throughout his tenure, especially over the past year. He has navigated through challenges and excelled as Speaker/Director of Operations, proving invaluable to AWA and me.

Adventist World Aviation's Board of Directors has unanimously chosen Dr. Deyvid Batista as the organization's next President. This decision marks a new chapter for AWA, as Dr. Batista brings a wealth of experience and dedication to the organization's service and outreach mission.

Dr. Batista is uniquely qualified to be Adventist World Aviation's next President. Dr. Batista is fluent in at least three languages and is a skilled commercial instrument multi-engine pilot. An Ordained Seventh-day Adventist Minister who served the church in the South England Conference within the British Union Conference from 2010 before joining Adventist World Aviation in November 2022.

Pastor Batista is passionate about preaching, serving the community, and working with young people. This passion led him to start several Pathfinders and Adventurers Clubs and to start and lead the Trans-European Pathfinders Master Guide training program for countries where training is unavailable.

Additionally, Deyvid is passionate about flying, which opens doors for him to pursue his lifelong dream of flying and serving those in need. Deyvid served as the project manager in Mabaruma, Guyana, before he was appointed Speaker/Director of Global Operations in November 2024. Finally, he is passionate about flying and serving the community, reaching souls, saving the lost, and empowering people to better serve God and His kingdom.

Over the last six months, Dr. Batista has visited every one of our projects, establishing new relationships and strengthening existing ones. He has successfully assembled a remarkable team and adeptly hired office and field staff, thus enhancing our organizational capabilities.

### **Leadership Transition**

Given Dr. Batista's outstanding contributions and capabilities, we have appointed him President of AWA. In this role, he will continue his daily responsibilities of overseeing global operations and directly overseeing AWA's fiduciary, structural, and managerial functions.

### **A Call for Support and Reflection**

As Dr. Batista steps into this pivotal role, we invite everyone to join in prayer and support for his leadership. His journey as President will undoubtedly be filled with

challenges and opportunities. Our collective hope is that the guiding principles of safety, dedication, and compassion—cornerstones of AWA's mission—continue to illuminate the path forward.

### **Continuing the Mission**

Under Dr. Batista's leadership, may the skies remain open, allowing Adventist World Aviation to steadfastly pursue its mission of bringing hope and service to those in need around the globe. We remain committed to reaching out to communities, offering assistance and support where needed, and positively impacting lives through our aviation services.

The future is bright for AWA with Dr. Batista at the helm, and we look forward to this vital organization's continued success and growth. Just like pilots use the instrument on the front cover of our magazine to study the horizon, we are excited to look towards our new horizons and for all the new things to come.



Pastor Ric Swaningson

CEO

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# PRESIDENT'S WEATHER REPORT NEW HORIZONS

by Deyvid Batista

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*"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning."*

Psalm 30:5

Missions are often born out of a holy discontent—a longing to see God's kingdom break through in places still shrouded in spiritual darkness. But between the calling and the breakthrough, there is often a long night—a night of unanswered prayers, cultural misunderstandings, spiritual resistance, and personal sacrifice.

For many missionaries, the night can feel endless. The first convert comes after years of sowing. A trusted local partner falls away. Funding dries up. Health declines. Loneliness knocks louder than opportunity. The weeping, both literal and spiritual, becomes part of the rhythm of ministry.

Having visited all the AWA projects around the globe, there is a very bright day ahead of us. Plans and more plans, filled with prayers and the joy of expanding to unreached territories by God's grace, will soon become a reality.

Yet in Psalm 30:5, David speaks a truth that echoes through the hardest seasons of missionary life: **"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning."** This is not a promise of immediate results but a divine assurance that our labor is not in vain. The night is not the end of the story.

I can't describe experiencing the reality in remote villages, war-torn cities, and quiet living rooms where missionaries share the gospel with one person at a time; God is writing morning stories. Every tear sown in faith is a seed for joy. Every sacrifice made in obedience lays the groundwork for a harvest we may not even see ourselves—but one that will come.

The dawn breaks in the eyes of a child who learns to pray, in the baptismal waters stirred by a new believer, and in the quiet resolve of local leaders rising to carry the gospel forward. Joy does come in the morning—not always fast, but always faithful.

To the missionaries still walking through the night: hold on. Your night is holy, your labor precious, and your God is near. Morning is not a myth. It is the mission's promise. The horizon is already brightening.

Every missionary knows the tension between the "night" and the "morning." Psalm 30:5 beautifully captures that fragile but powerful space where suffering meets hope, where endurance gives way to renewal: Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. In just one verse, the psalmist acknowledges the deep reality of pain and the divine certainty of joy.

This verse isn't sentimental. It doesn't dismiss sorrow—it validates it. There is weeping. There is a night. But it also speaks of a promise—not a maybe, but a certainty: joy comes in the morning. These words hold profound meaning for missionaries serving in remote villages, crowded cities, refugee camps, or isolated communities.

These seasons can last months or even years. The missionary journey is rarely a fast road. But this is where Psalm 30:5 breathes life. The night is not permanent. The weeping is not endless. Even when dawn seems delayed, God is working in the dark.

When there seems to be no hope, God makes a way. It is with great joy that we report the many blessings God has been operating over the last quarter. Expanding our operations across the Globe from South, Central, and North America to Africa and Asia, we can say that God has been working. Planes are being prepared to go back into operation and be deployed to new mission fields like Uganda; missionaries embrace the community work mindset, and staff give nothing less than their absolute best to God's cause.

We don't always see what God does in the shadows of missionary work. Seeds are being sown, hearts are being softened, and lives are being changed—often unseen. As Jesus said in Mark 4:27, night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.

Joy doesn't always come in the form we expect, but it does come.

For some, it's the first local believer who declares their faith despite the risk. For others, it's a church being planted in a once-hostile village. Sometimes, it's the faithfulness of small beginnings—a child learning to pray, a Bible study forming, or a national believer taking leadership.

Sometimes, joy is delayed until eternity. Hebrews 11 reminds us that “many of the faithful did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance” (v. 13). Yet their joy was real, anchored in God's unshakable promises.

The morning also brings perspective. In hindsight, what once seemed like failure can reveal the deep groundwork that God was laying for the future. Missionaries who have returned from the field often discover that the seeds they planted bore fruit years after they left. The night prepared the way for others to walk in the light.

The global missions landscape is shifting rapidly. Technology, migration, persecution, and globalization are rewriting how the gospel moves through the world. But Psalm 30:5 remains as accurate as ever. This is precisely what we can do in each and every AWA project across the globe.

The mission is not merely about going to new places but trusting God for new horizons, even in the hardest seasons. The same God who walked with Abraham under the stars, wrestled with Jacob at night, and rose victorious at dawn is walking with you now.

So keep sowing, keep praying, and keep believing.

The night may feel long—but joy will come in the morning.

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# Flight Log

by Maryelle Rodrigues

Humanitarian aviation is an essential sector of civil aviation that operates in crisis scenarios, such as natural disasters, armed conflicts, and health emergencies. Its primary mission is to deliver humanitarian aid — food, medicine, health professionals, and equipment — to hard-to-reach or isolated areas. In addition to fulfilling all these humanitarian assistance services, Adventist World Aviation also aims to bring hope and comfort to afflicted and broken hearts through the Word of God. This is only possible thanks to people who allow themselves to be touched by the Holy Spirit and collaborate with these actions through prayers, partnerships, and donations.

The humanitarian crisis in Uganda, exacerbated by regional conflicts and resource shortages, requires rapid and effective responses. Sending aircraft with

essential supplies has been a crucial strategy to meet the urgent needs of the affected populations. Moving in this direction, Adventist World Aviation has already received a quote to send a Cessna 182 to Kampala, which will deliver food and essential supplies to remote villages. We hope to soon be operating in this suffering country, where thousands die every day due to lack of food. We are campaigning to raise enough funds quickly and count on your support.

Speaker Director Pastor Deyvid Batista was in the Philippines in April and partnered with the local Seventh-day Adventist Mission as an official supporting ministry for the Palawan Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Adventist World Aviation will launch a Pathfinder club at the base to serve the local community in partnership with the Seventh-day

Adventist Conference. This action is essential because it will reach teenagers and young people, collaborating on their Christian journey towards adulthood.

Adventist World Aviation Canada will soon have a Bible worker sponsored by the Ontario Seventh-day Adventist Conference who will also serve in Sioux Lookout and other communities. Canadian project manager Julie Young is stepping up AWA's local outreach efforts in British Columbia, where three of our aircraft are undergoing repair and maintenance.

At Adventist World Aviation's base in Guyana, missionary couple Rob and Sue tirelessly work with the newly formed Pathfinder club as the board ramps up its plans to serve communities along the river.

In Central America, local AWA missionaries use a health clinic to bless the community with general medical care and health and wellness messages, share God's Word, and share their experiences as missionaries. The Fix family is excited about moving to AWA's Alaska base in Dillingham in July, where they will assist the community in this remote and icy place. May God bless them on this new journey, which will bring new challenges.

In North Carolina, where Adventist World Aviation is headquartered, a small group of employees work around the clock to ensure that we have the funds and resources necessary for missionaries to bless local communities through projects and provide physical, spiritual, and sometimes emotional assistance.

The Wings for Humanity flight school, located at our base in Wilson, NC, is committed to providing training and preparing those who want to be aviators.

More than just logistics, humanitarian aviation represents a vital link between hope and survival. Its impact is direct: every flight can save lives. In a world marked by inequalities and unpredictable disasters, it symbolizes solidarity and rapid action in favor of those most in need. We ask for God's blessings on the projects that are underway, those still in our dreams, and each AWA collaborator and donor.



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Administrative Assistant



# Mission Opportunities

## A VISIT OPENED A NEW HORIZON

by **Tenywa Livingstone**

Elder Francis Niyomugabo and his team had both joy and concern for the fast-growing Seattle International Sabbath School. It was growing rapidly, and even the mother Bugema University church didn't have a ready solution to accommodate the increasing numbers of students worshipping in the courtyard of their private hostel outside the University land. As one of the elders of the mother church, I remember attending the elder's council, and we recommended that the University find a piece of land for this Sabbath School. Still, we did not

know that God was working His way out. One day, the Vice Chancellor, Doctor Israel, took the elders and some Sabbath School members, showed them a piece of land, and promised them iron sheets for roofing the church building, but was bothered with how the building would get funded.

In desperate need of building a church on the land given, Seattle Sabbath School members declared a fast for God to open the way. During the same period, I consulted some bishops of the SDA in different locations to look for a place

where there was a need for moral and spiritual rehabilitation so I may go for evangelism. AWA would construct a center of influence and an airstrip as a base to offer services to the society of Uganda. God opened a new horizon when the Vice Chancellor learned of AWA's plan for the Uganda project and began corresponding with Pastor Deyvid. Rejoicing came in the morning when Pastor Deyvid and Mary worshipped at Seattle Sabbath School and promised to partner with the Bugema University administration to mobilize funds and build a center of influence

with several activities to equip the youth with various skills. A new horizon is coming not only for the Sabbath School but for Bugema University and Uganda Union at large, which will have a missionary aircraft giving humanitarian services to affected communities in Uganda.

We all pray that God opens ways for the needed funding to fulfill this mission.





# God's Horizons

by Julie Young

**“Look to the horizon, spread your wings, and fly”  
Tom Reilly**

AWA Northern Ontario Cessna 206, C-GUCE “Goose” is ready to fly again this season. As the weather permits, arrangements will be made to fly the plane into Sioux Lookout and the northern region to continue delivering supplies and providing outreach. With the partnership of the Ontario Conference, led by Mansfield Edwards’ VP of Evangelism and Director of Indigenous Ministries, the hope is to continue maintaining positive relationships with the Indigenous communities and their elders.

Over the years, I have been fortunate to fly in many planes—medical flights transporting patients, flying with missionaries, and ferrying planes across the country to projects. My favourite plane is the Cessna 206. I was lucky to fly across Canada a few years back, delivering “Goose” to Northern Ontario. Sitting in

the front seat, I witnessed many awe-inspiring horizons and landscapes below and flew through many cloud formations. The best view of the horizon curve is high above in a small airplane. The view is awe-inspiring as one looks out the front of the airplane windshield, seeing the vast horizon off in the distance, high up in the lofty sky and clouds, simultaneously seeing the patterns of the Earth, water, and mountains below. What a joy to fly high above the Alberta wheat fields and see the reflection of the plane casting a shadow below. Then land, at day’s end, to sit and see the sunset on the horizon.

**Isn’t God’s creation of the Heavens and Earth marvellous?**

## **Aviation Horizon**

Without getting too deep into avionics, did you know that a plane has an artificial horizon, otherwise called a Gyro or attitude\*\* indicator? The original Sperry horizon\* is

an instrument that pilots use to orient themselves with the Earth's horizon. It shows the pilot which way is up and how the plane turns in pitch and/or roll.

God is our horizon in heaven, keeping us oriented, pointing us up towards Him. Do we sometimes go down a different flight path, with a less-than-godly attitude, pointing ourselves in the wrong direction? The consequence of losing sight of heaven's horizon may just get us spun upside down and led astray somewhere along the way, lost like a pilot without the plane's horizon.

New horizons are ahead as AWA redefines how to serve those in need best, showing the love of Christ and Christianity regardless of where our flights take us. We strive to focus clearly on the horizon, whether flying or on the ground.

Thank you for flying along with me and for your continued respect and support of the Northern Project and its needs. Let's continue to chase the horizon.

**“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”** Jeremiah 29:11.

#### AWA Fundraiser C-GUCE Cessna 206 in Northern Ontario

- Repairs to the tail stabilizer
- Long-range fuel tip tanks
- Auto Pilot
- Transponder
- Modern instruments
- **Up to \$100,000**

#### Cessnas stationed in Oliver, BC

- C-GPTY 150 needs an upgrade to avionics and its exterior paint
- C-GTHO 150 needs final assembly, wiring, and avionics
- C-GHFS 172 needs interior carpet, seating, and a potential future engine overhaul
- **Up to \$100,000**

These maintenance costs are not excessive; they are the cost of upgrading the planes to modern standards for continued global humanitarian work.

\*Wikipedia Lawrence Burst Sperry was an aviation pioneer who invented the autopilot and the artificial horizon. Sperry's artificial horizon is still used on most aircraft. \*\*The attitude indicator is for orientation, which is how the plane points. Not altitude! Which says how high above sea level a plane flies.



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# The First Mission

by Maryelle Rodrigues

## **The First Mission: The testimony of a Christian woman on her first journey to preach the gospel.**

Preaching the gospel is a sublime and challenging calling. For many Christian women, responding to this call can be a step of faith filled with expectations, insecurities, and hope. The story of a woman who, for the first time, commits herself to the mission of proclaiming the Word of God reveals not only the courage of those who obey the voice of the Holy Spirit but also the impact that a life of dedication can have on the Kingdom of God.

### **The Inner Calling**

It all began silently, like a seed planted in the heart. During the services and prayer times, I felt that God was calling her to something beyond the four walls of the church. Although she was already active in the local ministry, a restlessness pointed to something greater: to take the gospel to people who had not yet known the love of Christ.

I prayed, fasted, and sought confirmation in the Word. The answer came clear as day: “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). The call was for everyone, including me.

### **Preparation and Fears**

Despite my conviction, fears and questions arose. How would I be received? What would people think? Would I be respected as a woman when I preached? But she remembered women in the Bible who were used by God: Deborah, a leader, and judge; Priscilla, who, together with Aquila, taught the faith to Apollos; and Mary Magdalene, the first to announce the resurrection of Christ.

I prepared myself with prayer, Bible reading, and guidance from my spiritual leaders. I knew I would not go alone; the Holy Spirit would be my guide and companion.

### **The First Step**

The day arrived. It was a small square in the city center. Heart racing, Bible in hand, I approached a group of young people. I began sharing my testimony of transformation. I spoke of how Christ had changed my life and offered hope amid hardship. As I spoke, I felt the peace of God filling my heart, and the words flowed naturally.

Some listened attentively, others just passed by. But

one young woman stayed until the end, hearing every word with tears in her eyes. At the end, she approached me and said, “That was exactly what I needed to hear today.” Right there, we prayed together, and the girl went on her way. I believe the seed of God’s Word was planted in that troubled and anxious heart.

### **The Fruit of Obedience**

That first experience changed everything. It wasn’t about crowds, applause, or recognition but about a life touched by God’s love. And that was enough.

I understood that my mission was not about my strength but obedience to God’s call. When we take the first step in faith, God does the rest. I will continue my journey, proclaiming the gospel in squares, hospitals, prisons, distant lands, and wherever I am sent.

### **The Legacy of Women in Mission**

My story and many others represent women who have risen up to preach the gospel in all parts of the world. Women understood that the Great Commission was a call to all who believed without gender distinction. Women who, like Mary Magdalene, are sent to announce: “I have seen the Lord!”

The first time may cause fear, but it is also the beginning of a journey of faith, where God transforms lives through the obedience of His sons and daughters. He does not abandon us, for He has promised: “Do not be afraid, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.” Isaiah 41:10

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# SEATTLE SABBATH SCHOOL

by Pr. Tenywa Livingstone

In March, Seattle International Bugema University Student Sabbath School conducted a two-week public evangelistic meeting from 15 March to 28 March 2025. These meetings targeted both the community and university members, especially the youth. At this meeting, several topics were presented to improve lifestyles. The community has many people using alcohol and other intoxicating drugs, including frustrated university students and community members. Mr. Bwambale Jorin, the leader of the Research Room choir, of which I am the patron, gave financial literacy talks.

Eight people accepted baptism on 29 March 2025. They were baptized in Bugema University's baptismal. That Sabbath marked the beginning of worship at the piece of land the Vice Chancellor donated to Seattle Sabbath School. Bible studies and other lifestyle lessons are still ongoing with the community members.

Seattle Sabbath School leadership has asked Dr. Israel, the VC of Bugema University, to release the promised iron sheets. Some tree poles have been cut from the forest for a temporary structure as we wait for the outcome of the partnership with AWA. I have also contributed some money from AWA facilitation for nails for construction.

On Wednesday last week, there was a University council meeting in which the concept document sent from AWA was discussed. I discussed the council decision with the VC. He told me that AWA was permitted to begin utilizing the land according to the submitted proposal.

ADRA Uganda's country director is very ready to implement the partnership with AWA.

Sister Immaculate and Ivan, the interested missionary pilot, told me they want to begin clearing the bush along the land for the airfield on their land east of the country.

The lady working on the memorandum and articles of association is going on. Since I receive monthly

facilitation, I will support her with the required funds to open up the post office address for AWA so we may have the draft out for perusal by the relevant stakeholders so that the registration of AWA for the nonprofit company registration can be completed.

I appreciate all AWA supporters, especially those who support the upcoming Uganda project.





# DOUBLE-LAYER DELIGHT PIE

With its rich, chocolate-and-cream scent mixed with a breath of strawberry, this silky pie will make you go nearly crazy for it. When I made it the first time, my dad was getting impatient. “Bring it here! We’ve been waiting!” He tried to get as much as he could! Although I wasn’t as vocal as Daddy was, the slice of pie was definitely too small for me. The funny thing is, even though I described it with the words “chocolate” and “cream,” this cake has neither. It’s 100% vegan and it’s no-bake!

## INGREDIENTS:

### Crust:

- 1 cup oats
- ¾ cup almonds
- ¾ cup walnuts
- 2/3 cup peanut butter

### Carob Crème:

- 1 ½ cups nut milk
- ½ cup carob powder
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ cup cornstarch

### Vanilla Crème:

- 1 ½ cups nut milk
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract

### Garnish:

- 1 lb. strawberries
- ¼ cup carob chips

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Blend the first four ingredients together in small batches.
2. Mix batches of crust together in a pie pan and push with your fingers until it is evenly distributed on the bottom and sides.
3. Pour milk, carob powder, and cornstarch into a pan and whisk well to combine. Turn on the stove to medium heat and stir often.
4. You will notice the crème thicken suddenly. When that happens, turn on low heat and stir frequently, but allow the mixture to rest for short periods of time. Keep this up for five minutes after it thickens.
5. Stir in sugar and taste.
6. Pour into a pie pan and smooth it with a silicone spatula if needed.
7. Repeat steps 3-6 for the vanilla crème.
8. Let cool for 10 minutes. Then, place in the refrigerator overnight.
9. Decorate with sliced strawberries and carob chips, and serve with extra berries.

**Enjoy your silky, rich, double-layer delight pie!**

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Written by the daughter of the missionaries in Central America

# GOD'S HAND PREVAILS

by Pr. Tenywa Livingstone

Life can be challenging, and bad things happen all the time. Seeing someone struggle through life can be difficult. Still, it can also show you how refreshing it is to visit brethren after a nasty incident and give a listening ear.

I assist the university as a transport manager and the risk management committee secretary, which allows me to lead or get involved in diverse humanitarian activities. This time, we needed to minister to our union secretary, Pr. Bitamazire and his wife, Racheal, after thugs broke into their house. It is the only beautiful house in a poor neighborhood, so thugs are attracted to it, thinking they have a lot of property and money.

The thugs looked for a short part of the perimeter wall surrounding the house, climbed over it, and took over the security guards standing watch. The security guards were unaware that anyone was breaking into the house and were caught off guard when the thugs took their guns from them. To get into the house, the thugs found a weak part of the door and expanded it. They then cut the padlocks, which fell to the floor loudly, waking the pastor and his wife. The thugs begin to yell at them to open their bedrooms and surrender their phones, laptops, and money.

When the couple realized what was happening, they began to pray to God for help. They knew that God could do something to save them from this situation. God answered because the thugs told the couple that they came to steal valuables, but they didn't plan on injuring them.

A few days before the break-in, Racheal had received some money for her mother. When she took it to her mother, she requested that Racheal keep the money until she needed it. The robbers took this money. They became happy after getting some cash and were calmer towards the family during the rest of the raid. The thugs continued their search for valuables and money by overturning everything in the house. They found the church offering envelopes. One of the thugs tore open an envelope to check what was inside. When he discovered that there was money in the envelope, he put the rest of them in his overcoat. He didn't know that most were empty or contained only a little money.

Racheal wanted to do something to help her family escape from this situation, so she peeked out the window to alert the security guards. When the man turned to look at her with a masked face, she realized that the person she was talking to was not the security guard but one of the thugs. She felt like

she was in trouble. She quickly returned to the room, hoping that God would intervene.

During the invasion, one of the couple's sons was slapped. This could have been a much worse attack because the thugs were carrying sharpened machetes. Another thug threatened to slap the pastor as well. He was reminded that the pastor cooperated with the instructions and that he was a good man and didn't deserve to be slapped.

The men loaded the refrigerator, TV set, and laptops into the pastor's new car. The vehicle failed to start, so they returned to the house to the locked room where they had put the family to get the pastor to start the car. After the vehicle started, they looked at him and said they were not bad guys, just thieves. They drove off, and the vehicle has still not been recovered.

This whole thing took around 15 minutes. Racheal told us that after a few minutes, one security guard was able to free himself from the ropes that were used to tie up his hands, and he helped to untie his colleague. After they were free, they took off after the thugs. They left the gate open and started in the same direction as the thugs without fear.

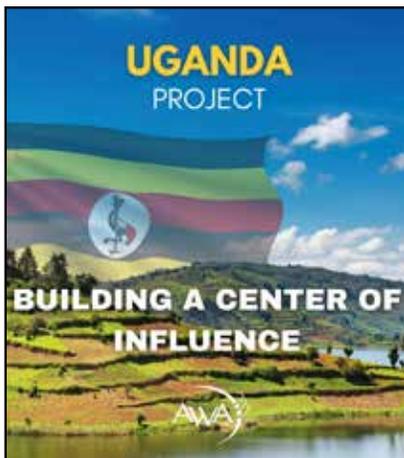
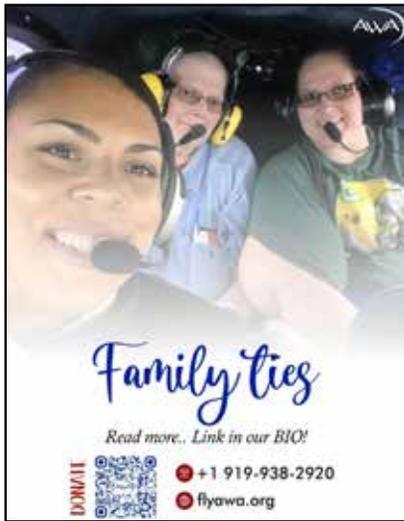
During this ordeal, the family could have been shot, beaten, or cut with the machetes, but through it all, God's hand prevailed. Early on Sabbath morning, Pastor Bitamazire went on his itinerary. Racheal drove the children to church in their old car. The whole family thanked God for saving the family from the hands of the devil.

I enjoy supporting the Shepherdess Ministry at Bugema University because we deal with real-life issues. The financial support we managed to gather has assisted one lady whose co-wife burned down her house. Through God's grace, we have built her another house better than the grass-thatched one that was burnt.

Together with the shepherdess, we plan to have Sabbath-day worship at her new house and a mini gospel rally with the community members, who will discuss God's grace and kindness manifested by the SDA church.

God bless more

Tenywa



Have you checked out our social media? If not, you really should. We have some of the best people working on our posts, and there is a lot of good information there to help keep you up to date between newsletters and Airways magazines. If you would like to check out our social media, you can find us at:

- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/flyawa.org](http://www.facebook.com/flyawa.org)
- Instagram: [adventistworldaviation](https://www.instagram.com/adventistworldaviation)
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Thank you for being there for us.



## Bite-Sized Donations

Bite sized donations help the respective projects operate more efficiently and makes the work easier for the missionaries. You may contribute for the entire amount or join others in meeting the needed funds. Any amount towards the acquisition of needed items is greatly appreciated.

### PHILIPPINES



We want to build a hangar for our mission base in the Philippines. Currently, the plane sits outside and is exposed to the elements, which causes it to wear down more quickly. We want to raise funds to build a hangar so the plane can be placed inside out of the sun, heat, and rain to preserve it better.



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### UGANDA

We are looking to send a shipping container with an aircraft to Uganda so we can finish setting up our mission base in that region. Once we have the plane in place, we can better serve the needs of the people in Uganda and surrounding areas.

### AWA HEADQUARTERS

We offer Angel Wing flights to those who need medical flights. We are always looking to fund these flights so we can continue to help those who need it most.

### ALASKA

Our new missionary family, the Fixes, are preparing to deploy to Alaska. We would love to provide for their move and deployment and ensure they have everything they need at the base to prepare to serve the communities of Alaska.

### GUYANA

FROM ROB AND SUE:

We have a boat in Guyana that our missionaries use to travel the river to help local communities. Currently, the boat needs some maintenance, and some parts need to be replaced. We would love to get those parts to Guyana so they can continue to share love and help the river communities.

## GLOBAL MISSIONARY NEED

Server for storing photos of all the exciting work our missionary teams do so we can have it in a safe place to be used in our publications: **\$1,000**

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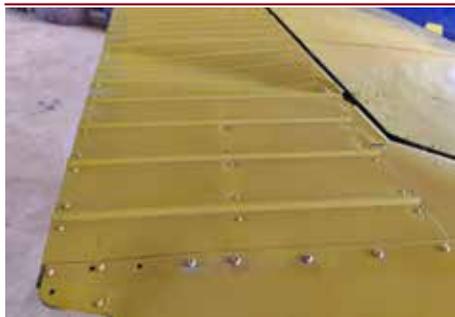
## CANADA (Northern Ontario Project)

The AWA Canada Cessnas stationed in Oliver, BC, need deployment upgrades. The blue and white 150 needs an upgrade to its exterior paint. The yellow and blue 150 needs final assembly, wiring, and avionics. The silver 172 needs interior carpet, upholstery for the seats, and an engine overhaul.

- Repairs to the tail stabilizer
- Long-range fuel tip tanks
- Auto Pilot
- Transponder
- Upgrade to modern instruments

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### MAINTENANCE



IA (Inspector Authority) 2-year subscription: \$912  
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 An apprentice: \$8,500  
**\$912 • \$100/\$1,200**  
**\$600 • \$1,700 • \$7,000 • \$8,500**

### DISASTER RESPONSE

Fuel: \$10,000

**\$10,000**

### CENTRAL AMERICA

Our missionaries in Central America are starting community health programs to teach people how to care for themselves and others. We must ensure they have all the necessary supplies and funding to teach these classes.

## 2025 Focus On The Future

As AWA rejuvenates each project we want to thank you for your faith in our projects and your ongoing support. If you feel encouraged to donate to further ensure our role in medical aviation flights, let us turn your focus to donate monthly to:

<p><b>JANUARY</b> AWA Canada - Northern Ontario Project</p>	<p><b>FEBRUARY</b> Philippines</p>	<p><b>MARCH</b> Mabarumba, Guyana</p>
<p><b>APRIL</b> Alaska</p>	<p><b>MAY</b> Maintenance Needs</p>	<p><b>JUNE</b> Uganda</p>
<p><b>JULY</b> Where Needed</p>	<p><b>AUGUST</b> Where Needed</p>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b> Administrative Staff</p>
<p><b>OCTOBER</b> Flight Operations</p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER</b> Central America</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER</b> Disaster Response</p>

We love to share our newsletters and Airways, but publication costs need donations too. If this interests you, please sign up so you can learn more about each project.

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For future Disaster Response efforts, please consider donating for needs like fuel and maintenance on the planes. This will enable us to meet the needs of others in the moment of catastrophe. In perspective, during the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, the Pathfinder plane, a Cessna 206, flew in 6 days alone, roughly 4,800 lbs of cargo, went through approx. 590 gallons of fuel in almost 40 hours, and racked up a fuel bill of over \$3,200. This didn't include maintenance along the way. Help us stay funded to fly on God's mission again when the next storm hits. **Donate today!**



# Count It All Joy

by Josh Fix

At the time of writing this article, my family and I are standing at the threshold of deployment to Alaska with all the potential challenges and victories that lie before us. It is both intimidating and exciting at the same time. The change is big, and we feel the stretching of our faith. In a good way, though, because we know God is with us. We've been at step-off points before, and God has always come through as we sought His will for our lives. Not that we've never had life throw a curveball at us or that we never made a mistake, because we have. But when we came to God for assistance, He always answered. Remember the story of the Israelites when they left Egypt? They still faced challenges in the desert, but that didn't mean that God deserted them. As long as they had faith in Him and humbly followed Him, repenting if they sinned, He would guide and provide.

We all face changes and challenges in life. Without these, our experience would lack depth and maturity. James says, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (James 1:2-4). It is easy to talk big

and brave like Peter did before he denied Christ - But when the rubber hits the road and we fall into "divers temptations", we reveal what's really inside. Now I don't want to bring anyone to despair because of their failings and make anyone lose hope. Ultimately, their faith in God's ability to save them, but a denial of our weakness and sinfulness, puts us in a self-sufficient attitude where God can't help us. Jesus says, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5). So, there is a possibility of not abiding obviously. We're told to come to Jesus if we feel our need. Jesus invites us... "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

That's why we need to count it all joy when put into situations that put us on our knees; they are molding experiences. Our first parents thought they could do just fine without God and put themselves above God by doubting His words and His love in the eating of the

forbidden fruit. God in His wisdom and His love for all created beings is allowing us to see that we are wholly dependent on Him and that the results of disconnecting ourselves from the source of life, love, order, stability, truth, reason, and all things good is the worst idea to ever come into the mind of any being ever created. We have a lot to learn and also a lot to unlearn, and the first step in the right direction is taking God at His word when He tells us that we need Him more than we know. Just read the message to Laodicea in Revelation 3:14-22.

So, why am I sharing all this? Because I know that life is challenging these days, and we're all being called to rise higher through these challenging times. Maybe you, too, have been feeling the strain. Perhaps you've heard God's call to leave the boat and walk on the water. To leave Egypt and the bondage there and face an uncertain wilderness journey. Maybe you're struggling with your sinful nature as you've come face to face with your

shortcomings. Whatever you are dealing with, God's hand is strong to save! I could go on and on with stories about how God helped people who needed help, giving them the strength to move forward, proving His goodwill to humankind. But the highest example of His love and how far He's willing to go is the cross of Christ. Whenever you're tempted to doubt the Father's love, look there and know that that gift was for you personally. Don't doubt it! Isn't that a God worth serving? If not, then what must He do more? Trust Him today and follow in His ways. It will be more than worth your while.

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## Tened Por Sumo Gozo

by Yoshiday Fix

Al escribir este artículo, mi familia y yo nos encontramos a las puertas de nuestra partida a Alaska, con todos los posibles desafíos y victorias que nos esperan, es una experiencia a la vez intimidante pero también emocionante. El cambio es grande y nuestra fe se está reforzando. En el buen sentido, porque sabemos que Dios está con nosotros. Hemos pasado por momentos difíciles antes, y Dios siempre nos ha apoyado cuando buscamos su voluntad para nuestras vidas. No es que la vida nunca nos haya dado un giro inesperado ni que nunca hayamos cometido errores, porque sí los hemos cometido. Pero cuando acudimos a Dios en busca de ayuda, Él siempre responde. ¿Recuerdan la historia de los israelitas cuando salieron de Egipto? Siguieron enfrentando desafíos en el desierto, pero eso no significa que Dios los abandonara. Mientras tuvieron fe en Él y lo siguieran humildemente, arrepintiéndose si pecaban, Él los guiaba y proveía para ellos.

Todos enfrentamos cambios y desafíos en la vida. Sin ellos, nuestra experiencia carecería de profundidad y

madurez. Santiago dice: "Hermanos míos, tened por sumo gozo cuando os halléis en diversas pruebas, sabiendo que la prueba de vuestra fe produce paciencia. Mas tenga la paciencia su obra completa, para que seáis perfectos y cabales, sin que os falte nada." (Santiago 1:2-4). Es fácil hablar con grandeza y valentía como lo hizo Pedro antes de negar a Cristo, pero cuando nos enfrentamos a la realidad y caemos en diversas tentaciones, revelamos lo que realmente llevamos dentro. No quiero desanimar a nadie por sus fracasos ni hacer que pierdan la esperanza y mucho menos la fe en la capacidad de que Dios tiene para salvarlo, pero negar nuestra debilidad y pecaminosidad nos coloca en una actitud de autosuficiencia donde Dios no puede ayudarnos. Jesús dice: "Yo soy la vid, vosotros los pámpanos; el que permanece en mí, y yo en él, éste lleva mucho fruto; porque separados de mí nada podéis hacer" (Juan 15:5). Así que, obviamente, existe la posibilidad de no permanecer en Él, pero se nos dice que acudamos a Jesús si sentimos nuestra necesidad. Jesús nos invita... "Venid a mí todos los que

estáis trabajados y cargados, y yo os haré descansar. Llevad mi yugo sobre vosotros, y aprended de mí, que soy manso y humilde de corazón; y hallaréis descanso para vuestras almas; porque mi yugo es fácil, y ligera mi carga” (Mateo 11:28-30).

Por eso debemos tener por sumo gozo cuando nos encontramos en situaciones que nos ponen de rodillas, porque son experiencias que nos moldean. Nuestros primeros padres pensaron que podrían estar bien sin Dios y se pusieron por encima de Él al dudar de sus palabras y su amor al comer del fruto prohibido. Dios, en su sabiduría y su amor por todos los seres creados, nos permite ver que dependemos completamente de Él y que desconectarnos de la fuente de vida, amor, orden, estabilidad, verdad, razón y todo lo bueno es la peor idea que jamás haya pasado por la mente de cualquier ser creado. Tenemos mucho que aprender y también mucho que desaprender, y el primer paso en la dirección correcta es creerle a Dios cuando nos dice que lo necesitamos más de lo que creemos. Simplemente lean el mensaje a Laodicea en Apocalipsis 3:14-22.

Entonces, ¿por qué comparto todo esto? Porque sé que la vida es desafiante. En estos días, todos estamos siendo llamados a superar estos tiempos difíciles. Quizás tú también has sentido la tensión. Quizás has escuchado el llamado de Dios a salir de la barca y caminar sobre las aguas. A dejar Egipto y la esclavitud y enfrentar un viaje incierto por el desierto. Quizás estás luchando con tu propia naturaleza pecaminosa al enfrentarte cara a cara con tus propias deficiencias. Sea lo que sea que estés enfrentando, ¡la mano de Dios es poderosa para salvar! Podría seguir contando historias sobre cómo Dios ayudó a personas que lo necesitaban, dándoles la fuerza para seguir adelante, demostrando su buena voluntad hacia la humanidad. Pero el mayor ejemplo de su amor y de lo lejos que está dispuesto a llegar Dios por nosotros es la cruz de Cristo. Cuando sientas la tentación de dudar del amor del Padre, simplemente mira hacia allá y recuerda que ese regalo fue para ti personalmente. ¡No lo dudes! ¿No es ese un Dios al que vale la pena servir? Si no, ¿qué más debe hacer? Confía en Él hoy y sigue sus caminos. Valdrá mucho la pena.



Josh and Jim Kincaid, retired Project manager for the Alaska Project



## Current State of Affairs

By Caleb and Glenda

In our last Airways article, we shared our big dreams for our ministry in Central America. Our goals centered on using the Health Message as an entry wedge to share the gospel. We described opening a city “center of influence” in the form of a chiropractic clinic. We also discussed starting a radio program to potentiate our reach. Another goal was to begin having classes for churches across the country, training medical missionaries who could serve their local congregations. Finally, our most ambitious goal, at least by our own estimation, was to enlarge our living space and build a training center on our property, allowing for a more immersive experience

in a healthy lifestyle. We are excited to share how God has developed each of those new projects!

The chiropractic clinic is open and, to God’s glory, growing quickly as word-of-mouth spreads the news that people are healing from their pain, injuries, and illnesses. Caleb uses manual therapies while Glenda educates the patients on lifestyle changes. We pray with each patient and share literature that, while giving health knowledge, also points to the Divine Source of health and hope. As patients are rapidly getting well, they are bringing their friends and family, and tell us they are most impressed with how we pray with them. On average, we see 15 patients over the 3 days a week

we are open, 40% of whom are new! The city seems to be getting smaller as we meet more and more people from every social class. To God be the glory!

The Christian radio station that had invited us to create a program transmits from two large cities to their respective surrounding countryside. They also have an online presence that can be accessed from anywhere in the world. Our hour-long program is live at 4pm locally. We invite listeners to call in and ask their questions about health concerns, and we answer those questions during the show's second half. In the first half, we educate listeners about the 8 natural remedies: Water, Rest, Exercise, Sunlight, Fresh Air, Nutrition, Temperance, and Trust in God. As nervous as we were when asked to do a live radio show, we truly enjoyed it. God has been giving us wisdom and inspiration to teach and answer questions. If you want to hear our show (in Spanish, of course), you are welcome to email us ([glenda@flyawa.org](mailto:glenda@flyawa.org)), and we will send you the information.

Recently, we gave our first group training at a Christian high school in the capital city, 3 hours from where we live. We were invited to help the students' parents improve their health so that they could later transmit that knowledge to their children. The three-hour class began with practical training on alleviating physical stress and pain. Caleb paired the participants up and demonstrated how to work on one another. Glenda followed up with interactive training on lifestyle strategies to eliminate or reduce the factors that cause inflammation. Participants left relaxed and inspired. We have been asked to come back regularly to give further training. One participant introduced herself as the director of health ministries for the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. She told us she felt divinely inspired to ask us to train church members nationwide, starting with a 2-day conference for the 300+ pastors and church leaders later this year. The Holy Spirit is truly at work; how could we refuse?

Finally, regarding having a training center at our home, we have decided to take small steps towards

our goal as we see God opening the doors. Currently, our four-member family lives in a small one-room, one-bath house. We have another building that houses our property's caretakers and serves as storage, and another house that needs to be demolished. We are beginning by remodeling a living space out of a horse stable for our two teenage children. Once they have a comfortable and safe space, we will start other projects on the homestead. We don't know how long it will take to complete our vision. Still, we are obediently getting our feet wet and expecting the waters to divide according to God's will. We will continue to report on how this project advances. Please keep us in your prayers.

Just a short time ago, we had to take our ministry "underground" due to the political pressure being exerted to remove foreign humanitarian organizations. God has given us cover and safety and has opened fantastic new opportunities to have an even greater impact than we previously thought possible. While we are truly amazed, we should not be surprised, for it is just as our Savior, Jesus Christ, said it would happen. We leave you with His words and pray you will be inspired to join Him in His work in your sphere of influence.

**And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." -Mark 16:15-18**



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### MEET THE AUTHOR...



**Caleb and his wife, Glenda,  
are your AWA Mission Family serving  
at the Central America Project**



## Educational Technology for Secondary Schools in Mabaruma – Guyana

by Rob and Sue

Imagine the vast green landscape of Mabaruma, Guyana, where the forest seems to whisper stories of hope. Here, we—Roberto and Suellen—are living out a special calling with Adventist World Aviation. Today, we want to share something with you, our dear friend and mission partner—something that happened this quarter through your support, already transforming lives, and a glimpse of how much more can be done.

When we first arrived, we knew our mission was to serve. We didn't anticipate the surprising ways in which that mission would unfold. Each day brings a new need, face, and story. Sometimes, it means flying medical supplies to a remote village or transporting someone to urgent care. Other times, it's simply offering a word of comfort or a prayer to someone who crosses our path. But recently, something very special happened that touched us deeply.

A local secondary school teacher approached me, Roberto,

with a unique request: he wanted help to create a simple math app for smartphones—an app with questions and corrections—to support and encourage his students in their learning. Here in Mabaruma, many young people own cell phones, but very few have access to computers. While they know how to use their phones for games and social media, most have little or no basic computer skills—essential skills if they hope to dream beyond the traditional path of gold mining, which is still so common among the older generations.

At first, I thought, “How will I find time to do this?” My to-do list was already full, and mission life never stops—we constantly attend to those who come to us. But when I looked into that teacher's eyes, I felt a clear calling in my heart: *Help him. Make a difference.* So, I decided not only to build the app but also to teach the teacher how to develop it himself.

We spent hours together, laughing at mistakes and celebrating every small breakthrough. It wasn't just about the app—it was about showing him that he could create something new that could change how his students learn. Suellen, always by my side, kept encouraging me: “Roberto, this is more than just a piece of software. This is a seed for their future.” And she was right. Now, we're dreaming even bigger—we want to teach basic computing and even programming to the youth of Mabaruma. Imagine the impact: with these skills, they can transform their economic realities, open new doors of opportunity, and dare to dream higher.

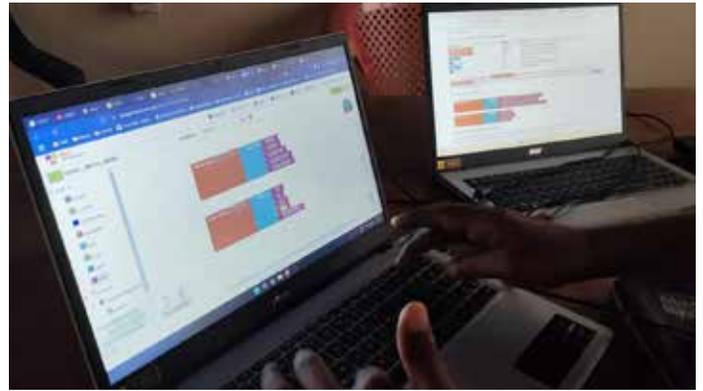
This is the heart of *Wings for Humanity*. We don't just choose tasks—we make ourselves available to meet the community's real needs in the name of Jesus. Whether it's offering a cold glass of water, distributing clothes to families in need, flying emergency medical evacuations, or building an app for a school of 300 students—each moment is a chance to show God's love in action. And that's why we need you.

With your support, we can take one more step. Every single donation allows us to reach one more family. Your generosity will enable us to go farther—into even more remote and isolated places—and bring real, life-changing help. Someone once said, “Missions are carried forward by the feet of those who go, the knees of those who pray, and the hands of those who give.” We have offered our feet to go to these families in the jungle of Guyana and bring them the love of God. You can be part of this mission without ever leaving home—by praying for us, asking God to expand our borders and help us reach more lives—or through your resources. Your donation directly impacts the lives of children and families deep in the jungle of northeastern Guyana. You are part of this story. Your generosity allows us to be here, answering these calls with open hearts.

We warmly invite you to continue with us—or to join us for the first time. Together, we can reach the unreached and show more people that God's love is revealed through real, tangible acts of compassion.

With gratitude,

**Roberto and Suellen**



**Your AWA Missionaries  
at the AWA Guyana Mission Project:  
Rob & Suellen**



# Free Reading Glasses

by Sir Ronie Fiedacan

AWA Foundation Philippines continuing its commitment to provide free reading glass to church brethren:

It was a blessed sabbath on April 12, 2025. I was invited to be the speaker at the Gabawan SDA church in the province of Romblon. Romblon is part of the MIMAROPA region, which is composed of Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon, and Palawan. About 50 church brethren received the free reading glasses sponsored by AWA. This initiative of giving free glasses was the result of some surveys. Whenever the church distributed books and pamphlets, some brethren had difficulties reading those literary works. AWA Foundation Philippines tried to find a solution. Through

the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we devised a plan to provide the people with reading glasses and reading materials. Currently, AWA has distributed almost 150 reading glasses from January to April. We hope to offer more in the near future. With your help, donations, and prayers, we can continue to provide this service. Thank you so much for being willing to be involved in helping people read about God.

Prepared By:

Sir Ronie Fiedacan

AWA Foundation Philippines

## Your AWA Mission Families serving at the AWA Philippines - Palawan Mission Project:



Sir Ronie Fiedacan



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# Illinois Trip

by Jarrett Moss

In a shift of direction, AWA determined to repurpose N8764X, a Cessna 182D located at the St. Louis Metro-East/Shafer Field in St. Jacob, IL. This aircraft will be used in Uganda, where we plan to establish a new base and center of influence. The first step was to get the plane back to the headquarters in Wilson, NC. There were some problems with getting this accomplished. The first problem was that the aircraft was over 850 miles away and would take over 12 hours to drive to get to it.

The second problem was that the aircraft needed an annual inspection. This would require at least 8 hours of work, assuming that no problems would be found with the aircraft. Between Jarrett and Kyle's schedules, they finally got the plane on April 15th, 2025. They traveled all day on the 15th and stayed the night an hour away from the airport. They both woke up the next morning and proceeded to the airport to begin work on the aircraft. Joe Berti was there to help with the annual inspection and to assist Kyle where needed. The annual inspection went off without a hitch. The plane got a "bird bath" as there was no readily accessible water near the ramp / T-hangar areas. Joe Berti and Jarrett had to cart 2 5-gallon buckets of water to the aircraft from a water spigot in front of the main terminal building at the airport, which was a good 500 feet away. After the wash, the annual inspection was underway.

After the inspection, Jarrett took the aircraft up for a test flight. Shortly after takeoff, Jarrett noticed high engine and cylinder temperatures and made a precautionary landing back at the airfield. After a quick inspection, an intake leak was discovered and quickly rectified. Kyle joined Jarrett on the test flight to confirm normal operating temperatures on the engine. The test flight was successful and landed without incident.

After fueling the aircraft, Kyle and Jarrett said their goodbyes as Jarrett started the 4-hour flight back home, and Kyle started the grueling 12-hour drive home. Jarrett made a fuel stop at Twin County Airport at KHLX in Galax Hillsville, VA. After a quick fuel stop and weather check at 10pm, Jarrett climbed back in the aircraft and departed for the headquarters. After a quick 1-hour flight, Jarrett arrived safely back at headquarters at 11pm. Exhausted, but Jarrett was happy to have the aircraft back at headquarters. Kyle came the following night around

9pm. With the aircraft back at headquarters, we can start prepping for the next stage of the plan: to get the plane ready for transport to Uganda.



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## MEET THE AUTHOR...



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# A Night Flight to Remember

by Pastor Ric Swaningson

## Answering the Call with Wings 4 Humanity/Angel Wings Flight

As my bride and I look toward the horizon of retirement, we find ourselves at a promising juncture in life. Recently, we purchased our retirement home in Florida. While we cannot yet be there full-time, we enjoy traveling back and forth from NC, where our corporate headquarters are located in our beautiful community near the airport. This idyllic locale has become the foundation for our new endeavor with Adventist World Aviation and Wings 4 Humanity, where we aim to perform disaster relief, humanitarian, and medical relief flights.

## Answering the Call

Only recently did we settle into our new home when an urgent situation unfolded that tested our readiness and resolve. Late one evening, my phone rang, and the caller ID showed it was Mr. K, our new neighbor and a renowned figure in the world of show horses. Both Mr. and Mrs. K were on their way to a horse show in the west when they learned devastating news: their daughter was experiencing a medical emergency. She was being medevaced to Birmingham Hospital for surgery, and Mrs. K needed to reach her daughter quickly.

## A Heartfelt Plea

The circumstances demanded immediate action. Mrs. K was so distressed that I could hear her sobbing in the background as Mr. K spoke, his voice a mixture of urgency and hesitation. “I know this is last minute, and it’s approaching night soon, but...” he hesitated, understanding the enormity of his request. “Is there any way you could fly my wife up to her daughter? She needs to be there.”

What I didn’t know was that Mrs. K had been deeply affected by the death of her brother, who was a pilot and had died in a small aircraft accident years ago. She and her brother had flown together many times before his tragic

death, and she had not been on a small aircraft since let alone at night. Despite this, the urgency of the situation outweighed her apprehension about flying.

## Preparations for the Journey

Flying at night can be a serene experience, especially over cities where the lights create a breathtaking tapestry. However, it can also be daunting, especially when venturing away from urban areas into conditions where the horizon disappears, and the world below is shrouded in darkness. Night-flying challenges are akin to IMC (Instrument Meteorological Conditions), with limited visibility and complex emergency landings. Nevertheless, flying remains statistically safer than driving, provided it is done with care and precision.

Despite our plans to return to North Carolina in the coming days, my wife and I knew we had to assist. With little time to spare, we prepared the special AWA/W4H aircraft—a trusty Cessna 206—for the emergency flight.

## Taking Flight

We arrived at the rendezvous airport around 9:30 PM, ready to embark on an hour-and-a-half journey through the ink-black night sky. Night flying presents its own challenges and risks, but it also offers a unique serenity and smoothness. As we soared through the darkness, every moment reminded us of the critical nature of our mission.

The rendezvous airport was near where they were. Mrs. K and Mr. K waited and watched us land at the airport. Then, she met us at our airplane. Her face had a level of anxiety and determination. We exchanged a few brief words of comfort, lifted up a huge prayer, and then reassured her that we would do everything possible to get her to her daughter swiftly and safely.

With the Cessna fueled and prepped, we took off under the starry night sky. The hum of the engines was soothing in the stillness of the night, and as we climbed to cruising altitude, the city lights below twinkled like stars fallen to

earth. Mrs. K sat behind me, her hands clasped tightly in her lap, eyes fixed ahead, courageously confronting her fears for the sake of her daughter.

### **A Smooth Journey at Night**

The flight went smoothly. Darkness typically brings smooth air. It was calm, and the route was straightforward. We maintained radio contact with air traffic control, ensuring a safe and uneventful journey. An hour and thirty minutes later, we approached Birmingham. The darkness was gone with the city glow, a welcome sight against the inky backdrop of night.

### **A Soft, Gentle Landing**

Touching down on the runway, Mrs. K released a breath she seemed to have been holding since takeoff. Her gratitude was palpable, and as she hurried to her waiting granddaughter's car that would take her to the hospital, she turned to me with tears in her eyes. "Thank you," she whispered, her voice full of emotion.

### **A Night to Remember**

Watching her drive away, I felt a profound sense of fulfillment. We had been able to help in a moment of need, and Mrs. K was where she needed to be. It was a night to remember, not just for the flight and the challenges it presented but for the reminder of the strength and compassion that can emerge in times of crisis.

### **A Word About MillionAir**

After our night flight with Angel Wings/Wings 4 Humanity, we encountered extraordinary service at the Birmingham Airport FBO, MillionAir. The linemen there went above and beyond in their efforts to support our charity mission. Not only did they ensure our aircraft was meticulously taken care of, but they also waived all landing fees. This gesture speaks volumes about their commitment to humanitarian causes. Their generosity didn't stop there; they provided us with a courtesy car to take to our hotel, free of charge. Throughout our interaction, they displayed genuine compassion for our extremely worried passenger and us, making us feel welcome and at ease. It was an

excellent place to land a charity flight, where the spirit of kindness and support was palpable at every turn.

### **A Mission Fulfilled**

Our flight was successful, and we safely delivered Mrs. K to her daughter's side at the hospital. This experience reaffirmed our commitment to Wings 4 Humanity's mission. It was a powerful reminder of our organization's impact in times of need, providing crucial support and hope to those in distress.

### **Looking Forward**

As we continue establishing our flight operations, we're grateful for the volunteers who have stepped forward to support our charity's growth in the area. Through our efforts, we hope to offer timely assistance to those in dire need, whether through disaster relief, humanitarian aid, or medical flights.

This unexpected journey has been a testament to the power of community and the importance of being ready to serve whenever the call comes. With the support of Adventist World Aviation and Wings 4 Humanity, we look forward to making a meaningful difference in the lives of many.

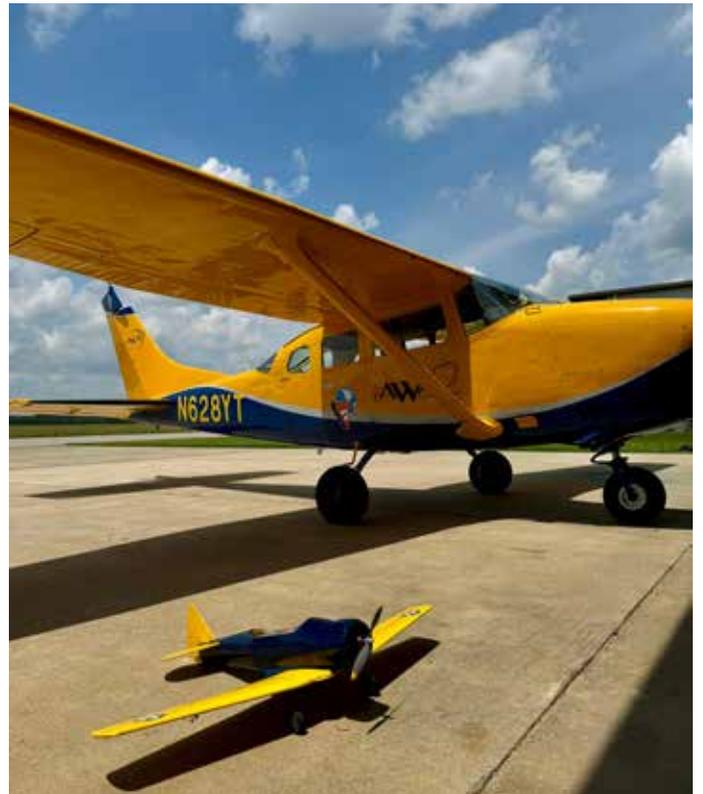


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